

PATHWAYS FOR TRANSFORMING THE CANCER ECOSYSTEM

A PATIENT CENTRED FRAMEWORK

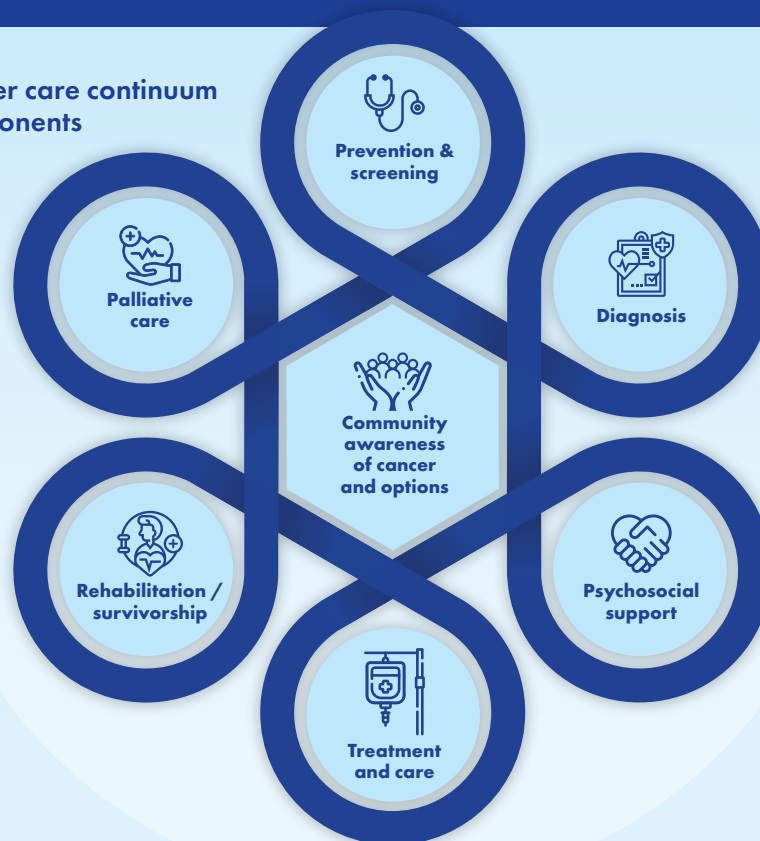
A New Era

The way we view, talk about, prevent, and treat cancer has been evolving globally. Increased access to care and major recent advancements mean thankfully that more people are surviving cancer and they, their families and carers are wanting to share their experiences and help others.

And this is just the beginning. Thought leaders and experts believe we are entering a major turning point for cancer care, with an exponential potential to better understand, prevent, treat and cure cancers.

Every country can improve across the cancer care continuum...

Cancer care continuum components



There is a great opportunity for further change in the region to benefit patients with cancer and their families, building on the existing positive momentum. Further improvements to cancer prevention, treatment and care, and psychosocial support require more than just funding to be successful (although funding is still critical). In the context of growing health budgets and other urgent political priorities, funding and resources will need wise management to achieve maximum community benefits in health.

This report outlines how we can all do more to improve cancer survivorship in the Asia-Pacific region, which has more than half of the world's population and more than half of global cancer deaths.



Enablers to improve services across the cancer care continuum:

funding for services, screening, diagnostics, and treatment across the continuum

strategic investments and planning for health system capability, capacity, integration and infrastructure

recognition of the value of non-treatment focused quality-of-life services such as education, psychosocial support, rehabilitation, palliative care and pain management

local expertise, clinical leadership, and research

quality information to help decision making for patients and their families, funders, researchers and health service providers

support and engagement from patient support organisations and community groups

a broader public understanding of cancer and person-centred care.

Report approach:



patient organisation led



positive focus on what is possible



highly regarded advisory board



shared leadership with a broad range of stakeholders



very collaborative with more than 100 interviews

The report includes 36 cases studies with examples of systems changes, powerful collaborations and shared leadership to help illustrate positive change and how elements of the Collaborative Framework for Systems Action are important for success.

Significant improvements will require systems thinking and change based on the local needs, context, and leadership, so standard or 'one size fits all' solutions risk inefficient and inappropriate use of resources.

Sustainable systems changes require shifts in policies, practices and resource flows, relationships and connections, and beliefs. These shifts cannot be done in isolation and require collaboration. Importantly, the patient voice is a critical piece of the puzzle.

Harnessing local collaboration can help to avoid inefficiencies and help initiate, scope and prioritise action, considering:

- an inspiring vision for change
- information to support action
- working together through collaboration and shared leadership
- powerful patient voices
- broader community engagement with civil society
- shared investments and actions from different sectors








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Collaborative framework for systems action



 Broader community engagement with civil society Promoting widespread information on cancer Breaking myths and misconceptions Reshaping public perceptions, and expectations of care Reducing stigma and discrimination Engaging media, political leaders, families of patients and survivors, and scaling up their involvement	 Evidence and strategic information Understanding the current situation and opportunities Knowing how the system works, recognising important gaps and emerging challenges Identifying relevant evidences, research, best practice and key players Harnessing technology and data	 Collaboration and shared leadership Shared leadership to improve outcomes for patients Experts, patient organisations, development partners, civil society organisations, decision makers and industry have collaborative relationships to drive and create momentum for change Local research is promoted and supported	 Powerful patient voices Patients are valued, organised, communicating needs and concerns Patients lived experiences, ideas and insights inform systems changes Patients are meaningfully involved and shape policy and program design, research/ data generation	 Investment and action from various sectors Sustainable and innovative financing to drive change and improvements Investments of time and expertise Market shaping interventions for greater access, availability and affordability
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